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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE *3-25-99*

In re Serial No.: **Kevin J. Ward**
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Examiner: **A. Falik**

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For: **MULTILAYER FORMING FABRIC
WITH STITCHING YARN PAIRS INTEGRATED
INTO PAPERMAKING SURFACE**

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Date : March 18, 1999

BOX AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 26 FEBRUARY 1999

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated 26 February 1999. Please amend the claims as follows. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

8.5 (Twice amended) A papermaker's fabric, comprising top machine direction yarns, top cross machine direction yarns, bottom machine direction yarns, bottom cross machine direction yarns, and sets of first and second stitching yarns, said fabric being formed in a plurality of repeating units, each of said repeating units

5 comprising:

a set of top machine direction yarns;

a set of top cross machine direction yarns interwoven with said set of top machine direction yarns;

a set of bottom machine direction yarns;

10 a set of bottom cross machine direction yarns interwoven with said set of bottom machine direction yarns;

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